

**Massachusetts Forester Licensing Board  
1048 North Road  
Westfield, MA 01085  
413-532-6872 ext 402**

**APPLICATION FOR A NEW MASSACHUSETTS FORESTER LICENSE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply to the Director of the Division of State Parks and Recreation for a Massachusetts Forester License. I certify that I am familiar with and will comply with Massachusetts laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to forestry.

**I am enclosing the following, as required under the attached 302 CMR 14.00 and DCR Forester Licensing Policies**

- ☐ A certificate documenting that I am a Society of American Foresters Certified Forester®, along with a listing and evidence of my work experience for a minimum of the last five years.

**Or**

- ☐ A record of colleges/universities attended and certified transcript(s), and a listing and evidence of my work experience for a minimum of the last five years.

**In addition it is required that you submit examples of your Experience of a Professional Nature (EPN)**

**The Forester Licensing Board has determined that examples of EPN can take the form of:**

- **Approved Forest Management Plans**
- **Approved Cutting Plans that represent long-term management**
- **Approved Forest Stewardship Plans**
- **Published reports / papers on Forestry Subjects**
- **Letter(s) from employers or other licensed foresters attesting to EPN**

I would like to be listed in the printed and on-line versions of the directory of MA Licensed Foresters.  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

I would like my directory listings and/or mailings to use:    Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
   Affiliation Address \_\_\_\_\_

**My contact information is provided below:**

**Home Address**

**NAME:**  
**ADDRESS:**  
**CITY:**  
**PHONE:**  
**E-MAIL:**  
**WEB ADDRESS:**

**ST:**  
**FAX:**

**ZIP:**

**Affiliation Address**

**AFFILIATION:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**ST:**

**ZIP:**

**PHONE:**

**EXT:**

**FAX:**

**E-MAIL:**

**WEB ADDRESS:**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSE FEE: \$100.00**

**All Licenses Expire on Their Anniversary Date**

Mail this application with check or money order (**DO NOT SEND CASH**), payable to: "COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS", to: Thomas Ryan, DCR, 1048 North Road, Westfield, MA 01085.

**SUBMITTED MATERIALS CANNOT BE RETURNED TO YOU**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING A MASSACHUSETTS FORESTER LICENSE**

### **Taken from 302 CMR 14.00**

#### **14.04: License, Application and Requirements**

(1) License Required. As of June 30, 1999, no person shall hold him or herself out as a forester and engage in the practice of forestry in the Commonwealth, unless licensed in accordance with 302 CMR 14.04. A license shall not be required for persons who provide services in their capacity as tree wardens, arborists, utility foresters and urban foresters, and other like practices. If, however, these persons engage in the practice of forestry as defined in 302 CMR 14.02, and hold themselves out as foresters, they are required to have a Forester License.

(2) Education and Experience Requirement. To become a Licensed Forester, an applicant shall demonstrate an understanding of the following core subject areas of forestry as they apply to forestry in Massachusetts: Forest Biology/Ecology; Forest Resource Measurements; Forest Resource Management, including silviculture and timber harvesting; and, Forest Resource Policy and Administration. Not less than one year of work of a professional or technical nature must occur within the three years preceding the date of license application. The minimum education and experience requirements for a Licensed Forester shall be:

(a) Successful completion of a Bachelors of Science (BS) degree from a SAF-accredited professional forestry degree program, or a program approved by the Director of State Parks, and which included courses in each of the following areas:

1. Forest Biology/Ecology;
2. Forest Resource Measurements;
3. Forest Resource Management including, but not limited to, silviculture and timber harvesting; and
4. Forest Resource Policy and Administration;

plus three years of forestry work experience of a character that prepared the applicant to practice forestry competently. At least two of the three years of work experience must be experience of a professional nature, and up to one year may be work experience of a technical nature provided that not less than one year of work of a professional or technical nature must occur within the three years preceding the date of license application; or,

(b) Successful completion of a Masters degree (MS or MF) in forestry or related post-baccalaureate degree, which includes at least 30 credit hours, and courses in each of the following areas:

1. Forest Biology/Ecology;
2. Forest Resource Measurements;
3. Forest Resource Management, including, but not limited to, silviculture and timber harvesting;
4. Forest Resource Policy and Administration;

plus three years of forestry work experience of a character that prepared the applicant to practice forestry competently. At least two of the three years of work experience must be experience of a professional nature, and up to one year may be work experience of a technical nature provided that

not less than one year of work of a professional or technical nature must occur within the three years preceding the date of license application.

(c) Successful completion of an Associates degree in a SAF-recognized technical forestry education program, or a technical forestry education program approved by the Director, plus five years of forestry work experience of a character that has prepared the applicant to practice

forestry competently. At least four of the five years of work experience must be experience of a professional nature, and up to one year may be work experience of a technical nature provided that not less than one year of work of a professional or technical nature must occur within the three years preceding the date of license application.

(d) Any additional forestry or natural resource management education at an accredited institution beyond the minimum requirements described in 302 CMR 14.04(2) (a), (b), and (c) may count for no more than one year of work experience.

(3) License Application and Approval.

(a) To become a Licensed Forester, an applicant shall submit to the Director of State Parks and Recreation, a completed application on a form developed by the Director and accompanied by the required license fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(b) The Director shall approve or deny an application for a license within 90 days of receiving all required application materials; and provide each qualified applicant with a license. Applications not acted upon within 90 days of receipt of all required application materials shall be deemed approved.

(4) Appeal of a License Denial. If an applicant's application is denied, he or she may appeal in writing to the Director of State Parks and Recreation within 30 days of the receipt of notification of license denial. The Director shall make a decision on an appeal within 90 days of receipt of the appeal.

(5) Licensing Fees. The initial application fee is \$100.00, and the annual renewal fee is \$50.00. Fees may be adjusted by the Director to sustain the Forester Licensing program.